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RE: Chapter 7/Case No. 11-42921

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised, this letter serves as an indication of my position in this above referenced bankruptcy action. I just received the transcripts yesterday and I feel like I have to write this in honor of my husband he is not a liar.

I am appearing in the within action as a beneficiary of the Estate of David Herz, Debtor. I seek to explain or further enlighten the Court on the chain of events leading up to and surpassing my husband's death. I will submit documents that show that the case has been resubmitted due to many egregious errors.

The reason David Herz did not disclose the information regarding the asset in question is because he had no knowledge of its existence. David Herz died January 4, 2013 without a Will. On January 23, 2013, my sister from Israel contacted me. She informed that someone had been trying to reach David and me from England with information regarding an estate. I then retained Sydney Mitchell, LLP (see enclosed retainer), because the attorney's in England refused to speak to me without legal representation. There would have been no reason to reopen the case in order to include the asset. I had no knowledge of it and Mr. Herz was also unaware of the asset in question. We had only found out that he had been mentioned as an heir in the Will in May, 2013.

We did not know anything about a Last Will and Testament and additionally we had known nothing of anything being left to him after probating of said Will. The asset in question which was being distributed from the Estate of Silverman had originated in England. How would we have known anything about said document? As of August 2013, the Will was in the process of being probated. I still had no knowledge of what was included in the Will.

When we did find out about the distributive award, the attorney was very forth coming with the information even asking about a possibility of distribution.

We were not trying to deceive anyone. We honestly had no knowledge about the Will. All information the lawyer's had in England was forwarded to our address in Israel.

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I have provided all documentation proving that we didn't know anything. I have emails detailing the specific timeline of all conversations.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Esther Herz

E. HERZ

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE:

Case No. 11-42921 (CEC)

DAVID HERZ,

271-C Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, NY 11201

Debtor.

July 16, 2015 3:26 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF MOTION TO OBJECT/RECLASSIFY/REDUCE/EXPUNGE CLAIMS
BEFORE HONORABLE GARLA E. "CRAIG."
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE

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30 days after notice of the termination or expiration of the stay. And so if there was no stay as to the debtor at that point then the reopening of the case it seems to me would not have had the effect of extending the statute of limitations under Section 108.

So then we have the alternative argument that you made which is that there should be equitable tolling here because the asset in question was not disclosed in the

bankruptcy petition.

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something that we would need more law on.

THE COURT: Now the concept of equitable tolling 1 1,24 201 think is that a person was in some way influenced not to pursue a claim either by representations that they would be paid or by some other type of misrepresentation. I'm not sure that failure, that failure to disclose an asset certainly if it wasn't known would create equitable tolling. But that would be

I think because you just - the words equitable tolling appear in your paper and there's no more, no other discussion of it, of how that might fit into this case. So that's my analysis, that's how I see it.

But even if you are equitably -- I guess you would argue that it was equitable tolling as of when? By what act, the filing of the petition that showed no assets?

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I original petition until the time that it was -- that the case was reopened due to the discovery of the assets. Due to the The OSSETS KNOWN TO ESTHER revelation of the assets. Okay. So that, if that were the case THE COURT: 5 then I think you'd be within the statute of limitations. -- have I got that -- I think I have that math right because that's about a three-year period. MR. WEINER: Right yes, But I mean I don't --THE COURT: And you don't have to get involved in the question of what was the effect of Mr. Herz' passing away on that. 11 Right. Except that you know I don't MR. WEINER: 12 think that they can make that a case for equitable tolling. **13** Well that would be -- I don't -- I 14 THE COURT: haven't -- nobody has made any -- has addressed that question 15 at all. 16 MR. WEINER: Well it's really their argument to make, 17 at least initially, as to why there would be equitable tolling. Nobody knew about this asset you know until THE COURT: Well maybe that's a factual question too. 20 MR. WEINER: -- until you know until around the time 21 The order reopening it was March the trustee moved to reopen. 4. The trustee filed this motion presumably a month or two before that so that's when it became known to everyone that this esset existed. 3,2013.42 WWW.JJCOURT.COM

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THE COURT: How did the asset come to the attention of the trustee?

MR. SOLOMON: Your Honor, I can answer that. So I think eventually the trustee through a letter that was sent by counsel here in the United States for the solicitor for the attorney, the trustee I should say, out in England and the attorney here in New Jersey when he discovered that there was going to be a distribution made from the Silverman estate out of England contact — saw that there was a bankruptcy that had been filed. In an abundance of caution contacted Mr. O'Connell to let him know that there was a potential asset and wanted to know where he should send the money, and that was how the asset came to the attention of the trustee.

MR. WEINER: so this happened some time in, probably in 2013 because Mr. Herz died in January and nobody became -- until this attorney in New Jersey you know contacted people about a possibility of a distribution from something in England nobody you know nobody knew about this money until some time --

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MR. WEINER: -- some time in 2013. Rong

MS. E. HERZ: After he died.

THE COURT: Okay. So but I don't know whether the equitable tolling requires an intent to deceive on the part of the other party or not. I would have to, somebody would have to look at the law on that.

MR. WEINER: I understand. I don't, off the top of

my head I don't know either and since they didn't really fully articulate this issue there was nothing really to respond to before.

THE COURT: And it would be, and I guess it would be, still be a factual question about whether Mr. Herz or Mrs. Herz or Ms. Herz knew anything about this claim.

MS. E. HERZ: No, & hired the lawyer after he died.

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THE COURT: I guess I would have to find -- I guess I would have to make a factual determination about that.

MS. E. HRRZ: I have the document.

MR. WEINER: Well they maintain that they had no clue as to the existence of this potential asset until it all -- it came to everybody's attention after --

MS. E. HERZ: After he died.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. WEINER: -- after Mr. Herz died.

THE COURT: But I guess I would have to find out

19 whether -- it would have to be determined whether that's in

20 fact true.

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MR. WEINER: I understand that the Court would have to make that factual. I'm just telling you what my client --

THE CCURT: I understand.

MR. WE THER: -- says.

THE COURT: I understand.

I also have all documentation of e-mail MS. HERZ: proof showing from England of all the dates. THE COURT: Okay. MR. WEINER: All right, well --THE COURT: So do we need more briefing on this point then? MR. WENESS; Yes, (Your, Honor, I think we need more briefing on the point. And also I'd like to just I don't know if Your Honor came to a final determination on the issue of whether the reopening of the case THE COUNT: You can figure -11 MR. WEISS: But we could --12 If you have something you want to call to THE COURT: 13 my attention. 14 If we could brief on that as well. MR. WEISS: 15 I'm not I mean I'm just reading the THE COURT: 16 statute but if there's something that I'm overlooking you can 17 18 MR. WEISS: We could look. 19 -- you can address it. . THE COURT: 20 If there's something that we need to MR. WEISS: 21 present I just would ask that you know we'll see that. THE CORT: 23 MR. WEISS: Whether there is and then we could 24 25 present Your Honor with that.

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THE COURT: Right.

MR. WEINER: -- he died intestate --

THE COURT: Right.

MR. WEINEF: -- I think under the intestacy laws of the State of New York a surviving spouse gets a certain -THE COURT: She gets the first \$50,000 plus 50

percent of the remainder.

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MR. WEINER: That's my --

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. WEINER: While I'm har:ly an expert on this that's my understanding.

THE COURT: Okay. There could also be a claim against, I suppose you could also bring the same kind of claim you're trying to bring against David Herz against Libi Herz.

MR. WEINER: Although I think they have a real statute of limitations problem.

THE COURT: And there you may or may not have a statute of limitations problem.

MR. WEINER: But there were judgments against Esther Herz and to the extent that those judgments are still enforceable then.

THE COURT: You would be .. you could restrain any distribution to Mrs. Herz in the probate proceedings and I don't think there's any stay that prevents you from doing that, that's imposed by this Court. If there were I would lift the

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13. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 554(c), "any property scheduled under section [521(a)(1)] of this title not otherwise administered at the time of the closing of a case is abandoned to the debtor and administered for purposes of section 350 of this title." Bankruptcy Code § 554(c). However, under Bankruptcy Code § 554(d), any property that is *not* listed by the Debtor in his schedules of assets and liabilities and that has not been administered by the trustee of the estate is *not* deemed abandoned under this section upon the closing of the case, and "remains property of the estate." Bankruptcy Code § 554(d). *See also In re Harlambous*, 257 B.R. 697 (Bankr. D. Conn. 2001) (holding that a debtor's interest in property which was not scheduled by the debtor prior to the closing of her case was not abandoned and remains property of the estate).

14. Item 20 of Schedule "B", required the Debtor to list "[c]ontingent and noncontingent interests in estate of a decedent" Although the Debtor at the time had an interest in the estate of Ms. Silberman, who had passed away nine years prior, the Debtor checked off "none" in response to Item 20. Because the Debtor failed to properly disclose the Inheritance Interest, the Trustee filed his "no asset" report and the bankruptcy case was closed on January 17, 2012.

15. On Schedules "D" and "F", the Debtor listed approximately \$340,000 in general unsecured debt as of the Petition Date. Since this case was a "no asset" case, the Clerk of the Court did not set a claims bar date, and creditors were not given an opportunity to file with the Court proofs of claims against the Estate. Despite this, one claimant (the New York City Water Board) did file with the Court a proof of claim against the Estate in the amount of \$2,778.61. Reopening this bankruptcy case and appointing a chapter 7 trustee will afford a

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Client funds are presently held at both UK and Irish banks. The allocation of monies between these banks varies and in the event of a failure of one of the banks any monies held by us for you would need to be split pro rata to total funds held in determining the apportionment between them. This firm does not express any opinion as to the quality of the guarantee under the scheme mentioned in this letter.

The firm presently holds funds at the banks listed below, this list may be varied from time to time. All of the banks listed are members of the FSCS scheme. Some banks operate under more than one trading name and if you presently hold monies at banks that form part of the same group as those listed you may be subject to the limits referred to above once the government guarantee has expired. You are advised to discuss this either with your bank, the Financial Services Authority of your financial advisor, as you deem appropriate.

Yours sincerely

Jasjeet Kaur Virk

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Ref: 814567/Herz

Banks where funds are held: Allied Irish Bank – AIB Group (UK) plc National Westminster Bank plc Santander

I have read and accept the contents of this letter and confirm that it forms part of the retainer between myself and Sydney Mitchell LLP I have signed below to indicate that acceptance and to acknowledge specifically the potential limitation of liability referred to. In the event of the failure of one of the two banks mentioned I give my consent to the disclosure that I am a client of Sydney Mitchell LLP and of the amount of monies held by you for which compensation should be sought.

Signed

F HORZ

Full Name

ESTHER HERZ

Date

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This is perfectly normal legal procedure and when we are dealing with an estate we have to obtain a Grant of Probate before we can obtain access to the funds.

I have diarised the matter forward by four weeks, if I have not heard from them further by then I will again chase them. If I do hear from them before then I will of course let you know.

Yours sincerely

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30th April 2013

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Dear Mrs Herz

Re: The Estate of Ellen Ruth Silverman

I write further to our telephor e conversation on the 29th April 2013 when I advised that I had not had any update from Hugh Anton-Stephens, the Solicitors dealing with the estate of Ellen Ruth Silverman. On that same date I received a letter, which I enclose a copy of herewith. For the sake of completeness I enclose a copy of the last letter from them dated the 11th February, which you have advised that you did not receive when we wrote to you on the 15th February.

As you will see from this most recent letter the Solicitors instructed to deal with the estate cannot yet access the funds that are held by the Treasury Solicitor.

As I explained to you when we had found out the Treasury Solicitor was involved, the Treasury Solicitor is a Government Solicitor that holds onto funds until the beneficiaries are traced. The Treasury Solicitor is in receipt of the money, but in order to access it Hugh Anton-Stephens who are dealing with the estate need to get Probate in this matter. Grant of Probate is a legal document which says that they can then access the funds and distribute them in accordance with the Will. Unfortunately, it looks as though they have been having some problems obtaining Probate especially given the time since a) the Will was made, b) the death of Mrs Silverman. This does not mean that they cannot obtain it, it's just that they have to get backdated documents first.

They have advised that as soon as they are in receipt of the Grant of Probate they will then apply to the Treasury Solicitor : collect the funds and then prepare accounts.

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ruth.thorp@googlemail.com on behalf of Ruth - Notary Mid Wales <ruth@notarymidwales.co.uk>

Sent: 20 May 2013 12:51 To:

Jasjeet Kaur Virk Subject: Estate of Ellen Ruth Silbermann - update - your ref: JKV/SJG/814567/Herz

Dear Sirs

Further to our letter of 26th April 2013, I can confirm that we have today at last received the Grant of Letters of Administration for the estate of Ellen Ruth Silbermann otherwise Silverman, and hope that the administration will now proceed without further delay. We will be in touch once we are approaching the distribution stage.

Yours faithfully

Ruth Hendry GCLEx Graduate of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives

for Hugh Anton-Stephens Notary Public

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Mrs E Herz 1148 East 10 Street Brooklyn **New York** 11230

Date

Dear Mrs Herz

Ellen Ruth Silverman Estate

I have received an email from the Solicitors dealing with the estate of Ellen Ruth Silverman/Silbermann. They have advised that they have now received the Grant and will now start gaining access to the assets in the estate. Once they have received all of the same they will be in touch again.

I will of course write to you when there are any further developments.

Yours sincerely

Jasjeet Kaur Virk

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RE:

Our Insured

: GAT ABSTRACT CORP.

Our File No.

: 683 - 402622 - CNT - 1

Date of Loss

Responsible Party: HERZ ESTER : May 4, 2011

Damages

: \$497,296.65

Dear MS. HERZ:

We are the recovery agents for LEXINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY who have made payment to their policyholder for damages arising out of the referenced loss. Based on the investigation, the responsible party listed above is at fault and our client is entitled to recovery of the damages.

If you have insurance, for your protection, this letter should be forwarded to your carrier immediately. If you believe you do not owe this money, please explain fully in writing within thirty (30) days.

Please note our file number on your remittance and send your check made payable to:

Global Recovery Services P.O. Box 105795 Atlanta, GA 30348-5795

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me using the toll free number listed on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

JAMES KRASNOZON RECOVERY REPRESENTATIVE SR 847-585-5836

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern District of New York

In RE: In Proceedings Under 11-42921

Debtor(s)

David Herz

WITHDRAWAL OF CLAIM

ease withdraw claim(s) #2 in the amount of \$3463.31 as this claim(s) was filed in error.

/s/ Susan I Gaines
Claim Processor

Creditor Name & Address

PYOD LLC c/o Resurgent Capital Services PO Box 19008 Greenville, SC 29602

Dated: September 16, 2014

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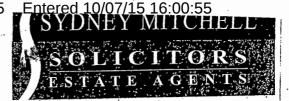
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Dear Mrs Herz

Re: The Estate of Ellen Ruth Silverman

As you are aware we have managed to obtain the death certificate of Ellen Ruth Silverman, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a copy of her Grant of Probate which shows that the Government Solicitors took out the Grant of Probate in the estate. Also we enclose Ellen Ruth Silvermans Will dated the 21st December 1963 and her subsequent codicil to the Will dated the 26th March 1964 and her second codicil dated the 1st February 1965.

You will see from the Will in sections 7b that two thirds of Mrs Silvermans estate pass between such of them Lucy Herz, David Herz and Errest Silberman that were living at the date of Ellen's death. Ellen died in 2002, you have already informed me that Lucy Herz had died before this in 1985 therefore we already know that the two thirds is to be divided between David and Errest, as long as Ernest was still alive on the 2nd November 2002. If Ernest had died before the 2nd November 2002 then the entire two third share passes to David alone.

The Solicitors that originally dealt with matters namely Faber & Co were unable to trace family members and then pass the matter on to the Treasury Solicitors Office who are essentially the Government Solicitors. I have therefore written to the Treasury Solicitor and asked for details of what was in the estate and also asked what evidence they will need of David's identity. They will definitely need Lucy Herz's death certificate and if this is something that you can obtain that would be very helpful.

I will of course contact you once I have heard back from the Treasury Solicitor.

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